

Mission Statement

"The West Hartford Human Rights Commission fosters mutual understanding and respect among people, and encourages equality of treatment of all people, regardless of race, color, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, civil union status, gender identity or expression, marital status, familial status, genetic information, age, economic status, lawful source of income, national origin or ancestry, or present or past history of physical, mental, intellectual or learning disability including, but not limited to blindness."

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Room 217

MINUTES

Attendance—Krishna Adhikar, Judy Borden (Chair), Charles Cleary, Judy Wyman Kelly (Secretary), Margaret Liu, Karyl Shaughnessy, Barry Walters, Pramod Pradhan (town liaison).

- **Minutes**—It was moved (Judy B) and seconded (Krishna) that minutes from the 9/6/16 meeting be approved with no changes. The vote passed unanimously.
- **Park Road Parade**—Judy K and her family, Judy B. and Krishna represented the Commission in the parade. It was a small group, but went well. The light rain probably prevented some others from joining.
- **Commission membership, term expiration dates, and officers**—Judy K. and Karyl will stay on for a second term. Judy K. will step down as Secretary and Chuck C. will take over. Commission members are encouraged to get the word out that there are two vacancies that need to be filled. Barry will post on the Commission facebook page.
- **2017-2018 Calendar**—New meeting dates will continue to be on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, as follows: 2017—Jan. 3, March 7, May 2, June 6, September 5, November 7; 2018—January 2.
- **International Human Rights Day**—Judy K. has been in touch with Paul Vicinus about WHPS K-12 events for Human Rights day. Conard is already planning their events for Thursday, Dec. 8. Margaret will contact Hall about their plans. Pramod will look into having an event (a movie and discussion?) at the library.
- **Charter of Compassion/City of Compassion**—The sub-committee (Chuck C., Chuck A., and Barry) came up with an excellent draft proposal focusing on diversity as a key issue and including a range of action steps. Chuck C. will circulate the draft to the Commissioners by email for any comments or suggested revisions.

- **Welcome Packets**—Pramod investigated the Welcome Packet produced by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) and found that it is very long and not specific to locales. He will circulate the table of contents at the next meeting for the Commission to decide which aspects to focus on for West Hartford.
- **World Aids Day proclamation**—Barry brought up the idea having West Hartford issue a proclamation for World Aids Day (Dec. 1). The Commission agreed and Barry will follow up by contacting Mayor Cantor.
- **Next meeting**— Tuesday, January 3, 2017, room 217.
- **Meeting adjourned**—8:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Judy Wyman Kelly